



The physiological roles of ICAM-1 and ICAM-2 in neutrophil migration into tissues

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Purpose of review

Neutrophil extravasation from the blood into tissues is initiated by tethering and rolling of neutrophils on endothelial cells, followed by neutrophil integrin activation and shear resistant arrest, crawling, diapedesis and breaching the endothelial basement membrane harbouring pericytes. Endothelial intercellular cell adhesion molecule (ICAM)-1 and ICAM-2, in conjunction with ICAM-1 on pericytes, critically contribute to each step. In addition, epithelial ICAM-1 is involved in neutrophil migration to peri-epithelial sites. The most recent findings on the role of ICAM-1 and ICAM-2 for neutrophil migration into tissues will be reviewed here.

Recent findings

Signalling via endothelial ICAM-1 and ICAM-2 contributes to stiffness of the endothelial cells at sites of chronic inflammation and junctional maturation, respectively. Endothelial ICAM-2 contributes to neutrophil crawling and initiation of paracellular diapedesis, which then proceeds independent of ICAM-2. Substantial transcellular neutrophil diapedesis across the blood–brain barrier is strictly dependent on endothelial ICAM-1 and ICAM-2. Endothelial ICAM-1 or ICAM-2 is involved in neutrophil-mediated plasma leakage. ICAM-1 on pericytes assists the final step of neutrophil extravasation. Epithelial ICAM-1 rather indirectly promotes neutrophil migration to peri-epithelial sites.

Summary

ICAM-1 and ICAM-2 are involved in each step of neutrophil extravasation, and have redundant but also distinct functions. Analysis of the role of endothelial ICAM-1 requires simultaneous consideration of ICAM-2.

Keywords

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INTRODUCTION

Neutrophils are short-lived immune cells continuously replenished from haematopoietic stem cells in the bone marrow and represent the first line of defence during acute inflammation. Under healthy conditions, the vast majority of mature neutrophils is retained in the bone marrow and another fraction is sequestered in the liver, spleen and lung, with only 1–2% of neutrophils circulating in the blood [1]. In contrast, under inflammatory conditions, high numbers of neutrophils are released into the circulation, allowing them to patrol the body and engage with the activated endothelium at sites of microbial infection or sterile tissue damage. Extravasation of neutrophils occurs at the level of post-capillary venules composed of a layer of endothelial cells, connected by tight and adherens junctions, and the endothelial basement membrane, harbouring pericytes. After extravasation, neutrophils display a variety of microbial defence mechanisms

through the release of neutrophil extracellular traps (NETosis), phagocytosis and degranulation. Degranulation of intracellular vesicles can be into the phagosomes or into the extracellular space and is of various natures, for example, cytokines and chemokines, myeloperoxidase, gelatinase or matrix metalloproteinases (reviewed in [2]). Under an acute threat fast trafficking is of outstanding importance, but must be well controlled due to the highly destructive capacity of the neutrophils' defence machinery. Intercellular cell adhesion molecule (ICAM)-1 and ICAM-2 on the endothelial surface in conjunction with ICAM-1 on pericytes and epithelial cells are pivotal for neutrophil trafficking

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KEY POINTS

- Extravasation of neutrophils from the blood circulation into inflamed tissues is a multistep process.
- Endothelial ICAM-1 and ICAM-2, neutrophil ICAM-2, pericyte ICAM-1 and epithelial ICAM-1 play important roles at distinct steps of neutrophil migration into tissues.
- Endothelial ICAM-1 and ICAM-2 have overlapping and also distinct roles in neutrophil extravasation.
- Endothelial ICAM-2 is required for the initiation of paracellular diapedesis.
- Transcellular diapedesis of neutrophils strictly depends on ICAM-1 and ICAM-2.

into tissues, and new findings will be the focus of this brief review.

ICAM-1 AND ICAM-2

ICAM-1 (CD54) and ICAM-2 (CD102) are transmembrane glycoproteins of the immunoglobulin superfamily. The full-length isoform of ICAM-1 is composed of five immunoglobulin domains and can be present in various splice isoforms (reviewed in [3[¶]]), whereas ICAM-2 harbours two immunoglobulin domains which are homologues to the first and second immunoglobulin domain of ICAM-1 without any known splice variants [4]. ICAM-1 and ICAM-2 are expressed on the surface of the endothelial cells, platelets, neutrophils [5,6] and various other leukocyte subsets [3[¶],7], whereas fibroblasts, epithelial cells, pericytes and various other cell types solely express ICAM-1 [3[¶]]. The constitutive low level of endothelial ICAM-1 is up-regulated upon stimulation of endothelial pattern-recognition receptors, including Toll-like receptors or cytokine receptors such as tumour necrosis factor (TNF) receptor-1 [8], whereas endothelial ICAM-2 is constitutively expressed at rather high levels [7] and localizes differently to ICAM-1 not only to endothelial surfaces but also to the endothelial cell junctions [9^{¶¶}].

Information on the contribution of ICAM-1 and ICAM-2 to neutrophil trafficking *in vivo* is controversial due to the presence of alternate ICAM-1 splice variants in ICAM-1 knockout mice. Three different ICAM-1 knockout mice have been generated (*Icam1^{tm1/cgr}* [10], *Icam1^{tm1Bay}* [11], *Icam1^{tm1Alb}* or *ICAM1^{null}* [12]), with *Icam1^{tm1Alb}* being the only knockout mouse line devoid of any ICAM-1 splice variant (reviewed in [3[¶]]). For ICAM-2, one knockout mouse was created (*Icam2^{tm1/cgr}* [13]). In a

lipopolysaccharide (LPS)-induced endotoxin shock model, *Icam1^{tm1/cgr}* mice had little to no neutrophil infiltration into the liver and were resistant to a lethal dose of LPS, whereas *Icam1^{tm1Bay}* mice responded with a high mortality and significant neutrophil infiltration into the liver. Here, the discrepant findings on the role of ICAM-1 for leukocyte trafficking were presumably caused by the ICAM-1 splice isoforms present in the mouse lines employed. The double knockout *Icam1^{null}/Icam2^{tm1/cgr}* mouse line [14^{¶¶}], devoid of any ICAM-1 splice isoform, will provide a valuable tool for leukocyte trafficking studies in the future.

ICAM-1 AND ICAM-2 ENGAGE β 2-INTEGRINS ON NEUTROPHILS

ICAM-1 is recognized to bind the β 2-integrin lymphocyte function-associated antigen (LFA)-1 (α L β 2, CD11a/CD18) [15,16] via its first immunoglobulin domain, whereas macrophage-1 antigen (Mac)-1 (α M β 2, CD11b/CD18) [17] engages the third immunoglobulin domain of ICAM-1. LFA-1 is a valid interaction partner of ICAM-2 by binding to its first immunoglobulin domain (reviewed in [3[¶]]), whereas only one study shows a direct binding of Mac-1 to ICAM-2 [17]. Upon stimulation, neutrophils can further up-regulate Mac-1 on the cell surface via translocation of Mac-1-containing granules [18]. LFA-1 and Mac-1 adopt changing conformations with different binding strengths to ICAM-1 and ICAM-2: a bent structure of the integrins represents a low-affinity state, an elongated opened conformation of the integrin heterodimer corresponds to an intermediate-affinity state and the elongated closed conformation defines a high-affinity state (reviewed in [19,20]). Apart from ICAM-1 and ICAM-2, neutrophil LFA-1 and Mac-1 possess further ligands on the endothelial surface such as the receptor for advanced glycation end products (RAGE) [21] or junctional adhesion molecule (JAM)-A and JAM-C (reviewed in [22]).

NEUTROPHIL EXTRAVASATION ACROSS THE VASCULAR ENDOTHELIUM

Extravasation of neutrophils from the circulation across inflamed post-capillary venules is a multistep process initiated by tethering and rolling of the neutrophil, followed by slow rolling, activation of integrins, shear resistant arrest, crawling, diapedesis and, finally, migration across the pericyte layer (reviewed in [23[¶],24[¶]]). A first transient contact between the neutrophil circulating at high velocity in the bloodstream and the inflamed vascular endothelium is mediated through selectins on the

endothelial surface, namely endothelial (E)-selectin (CD62E) and platelet (P)-selectin (CD62P), and P-selectin glycoprotein ligand (PSGL)-1 on the neutrophil (reviewed in [25]). The high on-off rate and catch-bond properties of the selectin/selectin-ligand binding [26,27] and neutrophil ICAM-2 interacting in *trans* with neutrophil LFA-1 to stabilize 'slings' [5] are prominent qualities of neutrophil tethering and rolling, and finally allow the neutrophil to slow down in the presence of high shear [28[¶]]. The initial rolling is extremely important for successful neutrophil extravasation as exemplified by severe neutrophilia and recurrent life threatening infections in leukocyte adhesion deficiency (LAD)-II patients lacking the essential selectin-ligand determinant sialyl Lewis x (sLe^x) on leukocytes (reviewed in [24[¶]]). During rolling, the neutrophil encounters the endothelial cell-presented chemokines or other chemo-attractants that initiate signalling events culminating in the affinity maturation of neutrophil β 2-integrins, a step dependent on the intracellular integrin adaptor proteins talin-1 and kindlin-3 [29[¶]] (reviewed in [30]). At this point, neutrophils can perform shear resistant arrest via the binding of high-affinity LFA-1 to endothelial ICAM-1 (reviewed in [31]). LAD-I patients who completely lack or only express non-functioning β 2-integrins and LAD-III patients who carry a kindlin-3 mutation preventing proper activation of LFA-1 and Mac-1 suffer from recurrent infections due to impaired neutrophil trafficking to sites of infections and thus emphasize the central role of β 2-integrins and their ligands ICAM-1 and ICAM-2 for neutrophil extravasation [24[¶]]. Arrested neutrophils acquire a polarized cell shape with a leading edge in the front and a uropod at the rear end, and then crawl Mac-1-dependent along the luminal surface of the endothelial cells until they reach a site permissive for diapedesis (reviewed in [31]).

Diapedesis of neutrophils occurs predominantly via the paracellular route through the endothelial junctions with minor involvement of the transcellular pathway (reviewed in [31,32]). The important role of the paracellular diapedesis for neutrophil extravasation was elegantly addressed *in vivo* by creating a mouse line carrying a knock-in replacement of vascular endothelial (VE)-cadherin – the master regulator of endothelial cell junctions (reviewed in [33[¶]]) – to VE-cadherin- α -catenin. This covalent link of α -catenin to VE-cadherin rendered the endothelium unresponsive to permeability increasing stimuli, as demonstrated in the skin upon local injection of VE growth factor or histamine [34], and significantly reduced neutrophil extravasation into the IL-1 β -treated cremaster muscle or the lung

after systemic LPS challenge. Paracellular diapedesis of neutrophils is envisaged to occur in a zipper-like fashion and involves endothelial cell junctional molecules, as platelet endothelial cell adhesion molecule (PECAM-1), members of the JAM family, ICAM-2, CD99, CD99L2 and endothelial cell-selective adhesion molecule (ESAM)-1 [31,35], which are recycled from the abluminal to the luminal side of the endothelial cell via the lateral border recycling compartment (LBRC) [35]. Transcellular diapedesis of neutrophils requires the formation of a pore through the endothelial cells and therefore involves dynamic morphological changes of the endothelial cell membrane (reviewed in [36]). An increased level of endothelial ICAM-1 has been demonstrated to promote neutrophil diapedesis via the transcellular pathway across TNF- α -stimulated human umbilical vein endothelial cells (HUVECs) [37], presumably through its association with caveolae and F-actin-rich membrane domains and LBRC containing endothelial cell junctional molecules [35].

Endothelial ICAM-1 induces increased endothelial cell stiffness

Engagement of endothelial ICAM-1 induces signalling events in the endothelial cells which promote neutrophil extravasation via recruitment of various actin-cytoskeleton adaptor proteins, among which are α -Actinin-4 [38], FilaminB [39] and Cortactin [40,41], to the cytoplasmic domain of ICAM-1 (reviewed in [42[¶]]). Schaefer *et al.* [43[¶]] analysed the differential effects of α -Actinin-4, FilaminB and Cortactin on neutrophil extravasation. Upon ICAM-1 clustering, α -Actinin-4 was the first protein to be recruited to ICAM-1, followed by Cortactin and FilaminB, as shown *in vitro* upon ICAM-1 antibody engagement on TNF- α -stimulated HUVECs transfected with the respective green fluorescent protein-tagged adapter proteins. Employing atomic force microscopy, the authors demonstrated that knockdown of α -Actinin-4 had the strongest impact on the endothelial cell stiffness. Thus, this suggests that α -Actinin-4 supports neutrophil crawling by assisting ICAM-1 to withstand traction forces exerted from the dynamic adhesive contacts through neutrophil β 2-integrins. Atherosclerotic lesions are characterized by increased stiffness and local inflammation with increased leukocyte infiltrates [44]. Complementing the in-vitro findings, Schaefer *et al.* [43[¶]] reported significantly increased α -Actinin-4 levels *in vivo* in the aortic endothelial cells of the Apolipoprotein E knockout mice, a mouse model for atherosclerosis, and in human aortic atherosclerotic plaque specimen. In summary, α -Actinin-4 appears to be a reliable marker

for increased stiffness of vascular elements. However, the potential of targeting α -Actinin-4 to reduce leukocyte infiltration at sites of chronic inflammation requires further investigation.

Endothelial ICAM-2 regulates maturation of endothelial junctions

Similar to endothelial ICAM-1, the cytoplasmic domain of endothelial ICAM-2 is connected to the actin cytoskeleton through binding of α -Actinin [45] and members of the ezrin/radixin/moesin (ERM) complex [46,47]. Amsellem *et al.* [48] addressed the role of endothelial ICAM-2 in endothelial junction maturation and barrier formation. Knockdown of ICAM-2 in HUVECs led to increased numbers of gaps between the endothelial cells, although the protein level of VE-cadherin remained unchanged. However, when investigating immortalized murine cardiac endotheliomas, the authors observed a lack of VE-cadherin expression. In these endothelial cells, ICAM-2 regulated N-cadherin junctional localization and barrier formation via ERM recruitment and Rac-1 activation. *In vivo*, the authors demonstrated that thrombin-induced vascular permeability across the cremaster vasculature was increased in ICAM-2 knockout mice compared to the wild-type controls. In summary, this study elucidates a link between ICAM-2 downstream signalling and regulation of endothelial junctions. The proposed role of ICAM-2-mediated junctional maturation on neutrophil extravasation awaits further confirmation.

Roles of endothelial ICAM-1 and ICAM-2 for neutrophil crawling and diapedesis

Luminal crawling of neutrophils has been described to depend on neutrophil Mac-1 binding to endothelial ICAM-1 without any role of ICAM-2 or LFA-1, as demonstrated in macrophage inflammatory protein (MIP)-2 or TNF- α -superfused cremaster venules [49] or formyl-methionyl-leucyl-phenyl-alanine (fMLP)-stimulated neutrophils crawling on recombinant ICAM-1 [50]. Halai *et al.* [9] and Gorina *et al.* [14] investigated the role of endothelial ICAM-1 and ICAM-2 for neutrophil crawling and diapedesis across IL-1 β -stimulated cremaster muscle post-capillary venules and LPS-stimulated blood-brain barrier (BBB) endothelial cells, respectively. Halai *et al.* [9] defined a significant contribution of endothelial ICAM-2 in Mac-1-dependent neutrophil crawling as shown with confocal intravital microscopy (IVM) in the cremaster muscle of wild-type mice, as compared to the ICAM-2 knockout mice bred on a heterozygous LysM-EGFP background to identify neutrophils. As a new finding, the authors demonstrated that ICAM-2 is only

required for the initiation of but not the process of paracellular diapedesis. In-vitro crawling of neutrophils on recombinant ICAM-1 or ICAM-2 was significantly impaired when Mac-1 was blocked by antibody application. Taken together, this study provides important proof for the significant contribution of ICAM-2 to neutrophil crawling and initiation of diapedesis, whereas paracellular diapedesis itself is independent of endothelial ICAM-2.

The endothelial cells of the blood vessels in the central nervous system forming the BBB are highly specialized and represent an exceptional tight endothelial layer through its complex tight junctions (reviewed in [51]). Gorina *et al.* [14] imaged the dynamic interaction of neutrophils with the BBB endothelial cells *in vitro* under physiological flow using LPS-stimulated primary mouse brain microvascular endothelial cells (pMBMECs), which represent an established in-vitro BBB model [52,53]. To address the individual roles of ICAM-1, ICAM-2, Mac-1 and LFA-1, pMBMECs were isolated from *Icam1*^{null}, *Icam2*^{tm1cgr}, *Icam1*^{null}/*Icam2*^{tm1cgr} or wild-type mice, and neutrophils were isolated from mice deficient for CD11a, CD11b or CD18 or from wild-type mice. Of note, this is the first study of a double knockout *Icam1*^{null}/*Icam2*^{tm1cgr} mouse line devoid of any ICAM-1 splice isoform [14]. Live cell imaging of the dynamic post-arrest behaviour of the neutrophils revealed a significant contribution of either molecule to neutrophil crawling on the acutely inflamed BBB. Further, these imaging experiments revealed that crawling of wild-type neutrophils on LPS-stimulated wild-type pMBMECs was with the direction of flow. This differs slightly from neutrophil crawling on MIP-2-stimulated cremaster muscle venules where cells moved perpendicular to the direction of flow [54]. This discrepancy might be indicative of variable contributions of endothelial ICAM-1 and ICAM-2 or neutrophil LFA-1 and Mac-1 for crawling, a suggestion supported by the finding that neutrophil crawling on recombinant ICAM-1 alone overlaid with fMLP is with the direction of flow [55]. Finally, crawling of neutrophils on LPS-stimulated pMBMECs was a prerequisite for transcellular diapedesis, which occurred at the exceptional rate of about 25% of all diapedesis events and was strictly dependent on endothelial ICAM-1 and ICAM-2. Thus, at the acutely inflamed BBB, endothelial ICAM-1 and ICAM-2 fulfill essential roles for neutrophil crawling and transcellular diapedesis.

Endothelial ICAM-1 or ICAM-2 is involved in neutrophil-induced vascular permeability

It is well known that during acute inflammation, neutrophils contribute to increased vascular

permeability when stimulated with chemoattractants such as C5a, leukotriene B₄ (LTB₄) or fMLP [56,57]. In a recent publication, Finsterbusch *et al.* [58[¶]] investigated the link between the stimulation of neutrophils and increased permeability. The authors delineated that the binding of the neutrophils to endothelial ICAM-1 and ICAM-2 is a prerequisite for the release of TNF- α by neutrophils, which in turn mediates increased vascular permeability. Confocal IVM in cremaster microvessels demonstrated the release of intracellular stores of TNF- α shortly before, during and after diapedesis by neutrophils stimulated with LTB₄. TNF- α release was followed by increased plasma protein leakage and a change in pericyte morphology in wild-type but not in TNF receptor-deficient mice. Similarly, chimeric mice with TNF- α -deficient neutrophils failed to induce plasma protein leakage in response to chemoattractants. *In vitro*, only neutrophils adherent to ICAM-1 or ICAM-2 rapidly released TNF- α in response to C5a or CXCL1, whereas TNF- α release in response to LTB₄ was independent of β 2-integrin adhesion. *In vivo*, in spite of the neutrophil-induced plasma leakage, the number of extravasated neutrophils at 4 h after treatment was not increased compared to TNF receptor-deficient mice. However, this does not exclude facilitation of neutrophil extravasation at later time points.

ICAM-1 on the pericytes guides neutrophils across the pericyte layer

After diapedesis across the endothelial layer, neutrophils have to cross the endothelial basement membrane with its pericytes. Pericytes are found embedded in the endothelial basement membrane of smaller-calibre vessels as pre-capillary arterioles, capillaries and post-capillary venules, and can vary in their phenotype. Whereas most pericytes express smooth muscle α -actin and up-regulate ICAM-1 upon inflammatory conditions, only a subgroup is positive for NG2 and shows constitutive ICAM-1 expression [59,60[¶]]. ICAM-1 on pericytes has been demonstrated to support Mac-1-dependent neutrophil crawling *in vitro* on IL-1 β -stimulated Thy1⁺ NG2⁺ pericytes from placental microvessels [61[¶]] and to facilitate the migration of the neutrophils through gaps in the pericyte layer *in vivo* in inflamed cremaster venules [62]. This guidance might be explained through the finding that NG2⁺, but not NG2⁻, pericytes attract neutrophils via secretion of macrophage inhibitory factor (MIF) [60[¶]]. Interestingly, diapedesis of neutrophils through IL-1 β -stimulated HUVECs *in vitro* significantly increased both the level of CD18 on the neutrophils and the rate of neutrophil migration across the pericyte layer

via ICAM-1 [61[¶]]. Taken together, these recent findings allow suggesting that migration of neutrophils across an endothelial monolayer activates the neutrophils to release TNF- α and up-regulate β 2-integrin, which in turn increases the ICAM-1 level on pericytes and facilitates migration across the pericyte layer.

ROLE OF ICAM-1 IN THE MIGRATION OF NEUTROPHILS TO PERI-EPITHELIAL SITES

In inflammatory processes of the intestine, the lung and the brain neutrophils encounter epithelial barriers, namely the intestinal epithelium, the alveolar epithelium and the choroid plexus. So far, neutrophil trans-epithelial migration is considered to be regulated by interaction of the neutrophil Mac-1 with the basolateral aspects of the epithelium [63], and further involves interaction of epithelial CD47 with the neutrophil signal regulatory protein (SIRP)- α [64,65] in some epithelia [66]. Although ICAM-1 is up-regulated in colonic specimen of ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease patients [67] and is expressed by choroid plexus epithelial cells in the brain [68,69], it is exclusively confined to the apical side of the epithelium and therefore not available for receptor/ligand-mediated neutrophil migration from the basolateral to the luminal compartment.

Sumagin *et al.* [70[¶]] addressed the role of ICAM-1 on the luminal face of the intestinal epithelial cells for neutrophil migration in a murine intestinal loop model *in vivo* and on a human interferon (IFN)- γ -treated intestinal epithelial cell line *in vitro*. There, ICAM-1 ligation via antibodies or neutrophils on the epithelial cells induced myosin light chain kinase-mediated increased monolayer permeability and enhanced neutrophil basolateral-to-apical diapedesis towards an fMLP gradient in a two-chamber-based experimental set-up. Upon completion of diapedesis, neutrophils showed higher levels of Mac-1, remained adherent to the apical face of the epithelial monolayer and exhibited increased lateral motility. *In vivo*, intraperitoneal administration of IFN- γ and TNF- α increased the ICAM-1 level on the apical face of intestinal epithelial cells. Cross-linking of ICAM-1 with an anti-ICAM-1 antibody injected into the lumen of intestinal loops increased the trans-epithelial permeability for 3 kDa fluorescein isothiocyanate-dextran and CXCL1-induced basal-to-apical migration of neutrophils. Thus, Sumagin *et al.* [70[¶]] suggest a detrimental feedback loop in the course of ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease through engagement of ICAM-1 on the apical, that is, luminal face of the intestinal epithelial cells, which in turn increases neutrophil infiltration.

Release of elastolytic proteases by neutrophils has a major impact on the course of inflammatory diseases in the lung (reviewed in [71]). Aggarwal *et al.* [72[■]] demonstrated increased expression of epithelial ICAM-1 and enhanced secretion of the neutrophil-attractant CXCL5 by epithelial cells, coinciding with increased trans-epithelial permeability and elevated numbers of alveolar neutrophils in cigarette smoke-induced emphysema in a mouse model [72[■]]. Mechanistically, the authors revealed that in the absence of the water channel protein AQP5 in AQP5 knockout mice, the increased epithelial ICAM-1 and CXCL5 expression was reversed. However, a direct link between neutrophil migration to alveolar spaces and epithelial ICAM-1 remains suggestive.

Zhao *et al.* [73] addressed the role of ICAM-1 for sepsis-induced lung injury and organ homing of neutrophils in a murine cecal ligation and puncture model [73]. ICAM-1 blockade via intravenous antibody injection strongly reduced bacterial burden and increased neutrophil counts in the blood and peritoneal lavage fluid while homing of the neutrophils to the lung, spleen or thymus was reduced and the organ immune status was improved. However, this study does not differentiate between neutrophil extravasation across the vascular endothelium or trans-epithelial migration. Nevertheless, inhibition of neutrophil homing to the organs via ICAM-1 blockade improved the outcome of sepsis.

CONCLUSION

Taking together, the important role of ICAM-1 and ICAM-2 acting in concert for trafficking of neutrophils to the site of inflammation is validated in a multitude of studies. However, clinical targeting of ICAM-1 and ICAM-2 to reduce neutrophil infiltration remains difficult due to additional roles of ICAM-1 in T-cell activation and ICAM-2 in angiogenesis. IVM [74], combined with sophisticated transgenic mouse models and in-vitro live cell imaging techniques, is under revolutionary development and will provide further new insights into the individual roles of ICAM-1 or ICAM-2 at distinct steps of neutrophil extravasation in the future.

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